UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 25, 1963

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

In connection with captioned event, my office and the men in it were literally swamped both night and day during the entire weekend with telephone calls fro various news media and other sources concerning this matter. Set forth below for the Director's information are highlights from the events which transpired.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. yesterday morning, Sunday, November 24 James Haggerty of ABC attempted to reach Mr. Tolson and was referred to SA Hannin who was on duty in my office. Haggerty stated that he had picked up a rumor that a photograph had been located showing Oswald with a rifle with a scope on it in one hand and a pistol on his side. According to Haggerty, this picture had been obtained by Chi of Police Curry and was then in the possession of the FBI. Haggerty asked for confirmation of this and if there would be any chance of obtaining this picture. Hanning advised Haggerty he was not aware of such a photograph being in existence, but if one did exist, he seriously doubted whether it could be made available because of its possible evidentiary value.

Hanning then contacted SAC Shanklin in Dallas who advised that such a picture did exist as the police the previous day, Saturday, had obtained it on a search warrant of Oswald's home, having obtained the search warrant after Oswald's wife was uncooperative as far as allowing the search to be conducted was concerned. The picture was found in the garage. This picture, according to Shanklin, was a poor one and was given to him by the Chief of Police, and showed Oswald dressed in black, holding a scope rifle aloft in his left hand, and he had a pistol strapped on his right si He is holding a paper in his hand and the name can be made out as the Militant. This is official publication of the Socialist Worker's Party. He is standing in front of a picke fence and Mr. Shanklin believed the picture had been taken in front of his residence i New Orleans. He planned to have New Orleans check this matter out and he was also putting the picture on the first available plane to Washington with the hopes that the Laboratory could blow it up enough to get a date of the copy of the Militant.

In the meantime, television coverage indicated that the Secret Service was intimating that the Secret Service had confirmed that the FBI had interviewed

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Oswald recently and had not told the Secret Service. All of the above information wa furnished to me, and I in turn recontacted Mr. Haggerty in New York. Mr. Haggert was advised by me that we could not make the picture available and he was also set straight regarding the false statements being attributed to the Secret Service. Mr. Haggerty said he would see that an immediate retraction was made and subsequent telecasts indicated that this was done.

At approximately 2:00 p.m. yesterday, Sunday, November 24th, the Norfolk Office called and advised that at 1:40 p.m. that day, a Newport News Police Department had received an anonymous telephone call. The speaker was believed to a male Negro who merely stated, "We got the President--now we are going to get Senator Byrd." This information was immediately furnished by me to Senator Byrd at his home in Berryville, Virginia. SA Hanning upon my instructions also advised t Capitol Police. At 7:00 p.m. Sunday, the Norfolk Office advised that in connection v this threat, a male Negro, aged 47, one Walter Robinson, 556 - 43rd Street, Newpo News, had been picked up by the police department in connection with this anonymou telephone call. He admitted making the call. I immediately recontacted Senator By who was most appreciative and stated, "I knew I could depend on the FBI." This inf mation was also furnished to the Capitol Police.

At 10:50 p.m., Sunday, November 24th, Wallace Fanning, NBC News who resides in Harwood, Maryland (ten miles south of Annapolis), telephonically contacted SA Hanning and furnished the following information: Fanning advised that he had just received a telephone call from Art Gates, UPI in Wytheville, Virginia. Gates advised that on that day, November 24th, Radio Station WIZE in Wytheville had cut a tape of an interview with a Red Cross women in Wytheville. According to this tape and the story related by the Red Cross woman, on November 13, 1963, Le Harvey Oswald stopped at the Red Cross Office in Wytheville for assistance, and he was given $2.00. It was subsequently ascertained by the Red Cross that he then went to the Salvation Army in Wytheville and received more money under a different name. According to the Red Cross woman's story, Oswald told her that he was on way to Princeton, West Virginia, and she recalled that he had said he had been to Russia and talked at length about his Russian wife and child. This information was immediately furnished to the General Investigative Division.

Throughout the weekend we maintained a strict "no comment" with th exception of items which the Director had personally approved for release to the news media. We received many inquiries concerning wild allegations and one inqui which emanated from Associated Press in St. Louis was requesting confirmation of a story they had received that Bobby Baker was connected with the assassination.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.